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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

American barreled apple supplies were very light on the Liverpool auction Wednesday, January 21, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. The offerings consisted mainly of Massachusetts and Maine Baldwins and New York Rhode Island Greenings. These apples met with an active inquiry at the market. About 24,000 barrels of American apples are expected to arrive at Liverpool for next week's auction. Supplies of California Newtowns were liberal and Washington Newtowns and Winesaps moderate. Demand was slow for these varieties. Oregon Delicious and Spitzenbergs were in light supply. Interest was more active for these varieties. On the whole apple prices were about the same as last week. The fruit was in good condition. The market remains dull on high grade boxed apples which is probably a reflection of the low purchasing power of the consumers. A large percentage of the boxed apples continues to be withdrawn from the auction due to the unsatisfactory prices.

American boxed pears sold at slightly lower prices than last week at Liverpool. The demand was moderate. About 28,000 boxes arrived in the United Kingdom this week and 15,000 are expected next week. The first shipment of South African pears amounting to 3,000 boxes is due next week.

At London the American barreled apple supplies were not in sufficient quantity to establish a market, but 39,000 barrels are expected by next week. Boxed apples were in moderate supply and met with a more active inquiry. The condition of the fruit was ganerally good. On the whole the prices were somewhat under those ruling at Liverpool.

Canadian barreled apples continue to arrive in the United Kingdom in volume but should begin to taper off soon. About 155,000 boxes of apples from Pacific Coast ports are due next week. South African stone fruit arrivals amounted to 80,000 packages this week and 79,000 are expected next week. Oranges are plentiful in the United Kingdom and are selling at low prices. Shipments from Palestine are heavier than last year. A recent frost is estimated to have damaged orange crops in the Valencia district of Spain from 10 to 15 per cent and in Murcia from 25 to 30 per cent, according to Mr. Motz.

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Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London

Variety, grade and origin	LIVERPOOL 1930 Jan. 22	LIVERPOOL 1931 Jan. 14	LIVERPOOL 1931 Jan. 21	LONDON 1931 Jan. 21
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
APPLES BARRELS:				
R. I. Greening, N. Y.				
U. S. No. 1 2½ inch min.	-	-	5.84	-
Baldwin, Mass.				
U. S. No. 1 2¾ inch min.	-	-	6.81	-
U. S. Utility 2¼ inch min.	-	-	4.99-5.47	-
U. S. Utility 2½ inch min.	-	-	5.84-6.08	-
Baldwin, Maine				
U. S. No. 1 2¼ inch min.	-	-	6.69-6.93	-
U. S. No. 1 2½ inch min.	-	7.06-7.54	6.57-7.18	-
BOXES:				
Newtown, Calif.				
Extra Fancy 150/175	-	-	2.80-3.04	-
Extra Fancy 188/smaller	-	-	2.55-2.68	-
Fancy 150/175	-	-	2.55-2.80	-
Spitzenberg, Oregon				
Extra Fancy 150/175	-	-	2.74-2.80	2.43-2.49
Extra Fancy 188/smaller	-	-	2.62	2.43-2.55
C grade 150/175	-	1.95-2.25	2.25	2.07
C grade 188/smaller	-	-	2.19	2.01-2.13
Delicious, Oregon				
Extra Fancy 150/175	3.16	-	3.10	-
Extra Fancy 188/smaller	-	-	2.92	2.68-2.74
Fancy 150/175	3.10	-	2.74	-
Winesap, Washington				
Extra Fancy 150/175	2.68	-	2.80	2.43-2.68
Extra Fancy 188/smaller	2.45-2.62	-	2.68	2.55-2.80
Fancy 150/175	-	a/ 2.37	2.62	2.31
Fancy 188/smaller	2.43	a/ 2.19-2.31	2.55	2.25-2.43
Newtown, Washington				
Fancy 150/175	b/3.28-3.53	-	2.68	b/ 2.31-2.55
C grade 150/175	b/ 3.41	-	2.43	b/ 2.19
PEARS BOXES:				
Winter Nelis, Washington				
Extra Fancy 135/150	c/3.41-3.65	2.68-2.92	2.55-2.80	-
Extra Fancy 165/180	-	2.68-2.80	2.55-2.80	-
Fancy 100/120	c/3.41-3.65	-	2.43	-
Anjou, Oregon				
Fancy 100/120	c/3.22-3.89	-	2.86	-
Winter Nelis, Oregon				
Extra Fancy 100/larger	-	-	2.31-2.49	-
Extra Fancy 135/150	-	-	2.55-2.62	-
Winter Nelis, Calif.				
Extra Fancy 100/larger	-	2.37-2.55	2.07-2.19	-
Extra Fancy 100/120	-	2.55-2.92	2.43-2.68	-
Extra Fancy 135/150	-	3.16-3.28	2.80-3.04	-
Morceau, Calif.				
Fancy 100/larger		d/2.19-2.43	2.07-2.13	-
Fancy 135/150	-	d/2.19-2.43	2.07-2.13	-

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.
a/ London. b/ Oregon. c/ Grade and size not given. d/ No size given.